

EMIL PETERSON

LAI D TO REST

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WELL KNOWN GROTON FARMER
DIES AFTER SHORT ILLNESS
OF DIABETES

Emil Peterson, one of Groton's foremost farmers and substantial citizens, died Wednesday evening after a short illness of diabetes. The attack came upon him suddenly Monday while at his farm home north of town, and being unable to return to his city residence, his last days were spent at his farm home.

Mr. Peterson was born at Varna, Ill., March 7, 1871. He was married at Varna to Miss Jennie Johnson. To this union two children were born, Randall and Inez.

While not the earliest of the settlers of this vicinity, Mr. Peterson devoted much time and energy to this community's development. He purchased a section of land in Riverside in 1908 and this he improved and developed until it is known as one of the choice farms of Brown county. He moved to Groton last fall and left the farm in charge of his son, Randall, who has since resided thereon.

Mr. Peterson was well liked by a host of friends all over this section of the county. He was a man quiet in his demeanor but firm in his convictions, honest in his business transactions, and upright, courteous and accommodating to all with whom he came in contact. He was a man of generous impulses, and never forgot the hospitable ways of the South Dakotan. The stranger, even though a beggar, never failed to find food and shelter if he sought it at his hands, and he was at home at the bedside of the sick and delighted in all kinds of neighborly offices. He had borne adversity bravely and enjoyed prosperity quietly. He had filled the various relations of life as son, husband, father and brother, and filled them well.

He leaves besides a grief stricken wife, two children, Randall and Inez, his parents, six brothers and two sisters, to whom the sympathy of the community is extended.

A short funeral service was held at the country home Sunday afternoon, after which services were conducted at the Methodist church, Rev. C. B. Harrold officiating. The remains were laid to rest in Groton cemetery, to which the remains were followed by a large cortege of mourning friends and relatives.

The funeral was in charge of Harvey Diedrich, while Rev. Harrold officiated at the church and cemetery.